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SUBJ: CIVAIR: AIR SIAM'S DEBTS

REF: BANGKOK 32524 (NOTAL)

1. REGIONAL IATA REP PETER CUNNINGHAM DEC. 7 CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS FROM MONTREAL THAT IATA HAS SUSPENDED AIR SIAM'S CLEARING HOUSE PRIVILEGES FOR "SLOWNESS OF PAYMENT TO OTHER AIRLINES." CUNNINGHAM SAID IATA ACTION CAME IN WAKE OF DECISION BY NUMBER OF AIRLINES, INCLUDING PAA AND NWA, TO CANCEL INTER-LINE AGREEMENTS WITH AIR SIAM. HE SAID AIR SIAM IS THREE MONTHS IN ARREARS IN APYMENTS TO CLEARING HOUSE, AND ADDED THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE THIS IS FIRST TIME IATA HAS EVER WITHDRAWN CLEARING HOUSE PRIVILEGES FROM MEMBER AIRLINE. CUNNINGHAM ALLEGED THAT "FACT IS, AIR SIAM IS SIMPLY SELLING TRANSPORTATION ON OTHER AIRLINES, THEN POCKET-ING THE MONEY".

2. PAA REP, WHO HAS BEEN OUT OF COUNTRY FOR EXTENDED PERIOD, SAID DEC. 7 HE CANCELLED TIES WITH AIR SIAM ON LEARNING IN MID-NOVEMBER THAT MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS HAD REPOSSESSED ITS DC-10 BECAUSE OF NONPAYMENT BY AIR SIAM. NORTHWEST REP HERE SUSPENDED AGREEMENT WITH AIR SIAM IN JUNE 1976.

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3. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME ANY LIGHT WHICH DEPARTMENT OR MONTREAL

MAY BE ABLE TO THROW ON IATA ACTIONS.
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